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## PENNSYLVANIA'S GRAIN STOCKS

**HARRISBURG --- Pennsylvania's** old crop corn stocks on September 1, 1999, totaled 15.49 million bushels, compared with 12.96 million bushels a year ago, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service. Corn stocks on-farm totaled 12.5 million bushels, up from 10.5 million bushels last year. Off-farm stocks totaled 2.99 million bushels, compared with 2.46 million bushels a year ago.

Off-farm wheat stocks were estimated at 10.01 million bushels, 1 percent more than last year's 9.95 million bushels.

Off-farm barley stocks were estimated at 1,213,000 bushels on September 1, 1999, up from 1,138,000 bushels a year ago. Off-farm soybean stocks totaled 963,000 bushels on September 1, 1999, compared with 364,000 bushels last year. For wheat, soybeans and barley, on-farm stocks are included in a national unallocated total.

Oat stocks on September 1, 1999, amounted to 6.5 million bushels, 5.6 million on-farm and 913,000 off-farm. Last year, oat stocks were estimated at 6.7 million bushels, 5.8 million on-farm and 918,000 off-farm.

**Nationally,** old crop corn stored in all positions on September 1, 1999, is estimated at 1.80 billion bushels, up 37 percent from September 1, 1998. On-farm stocks, at 807 million bushels, are up 26 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 989 million bushels, up 48 percent from a year earlier.

All wheat stocks in all positions totaled 2.46 billion bushels, 3 percent more than stocks on hand September 1, 1998, and the highest September 1 level since 1987-88 marketing year. Wheat stored on farms totaled 903 million bushels, up 2 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks totaled 1.56 billion bushels, up 4 percent.

Barley stocks in all positions were 297 million bushels, compared with 326 million bushels on September 1, 1998. Of the total barley stocks on hand, 167 million bushels were stored on farms and 130 million bushels were stored off farms.

Old crop soybeans stored in all positions totaled 348 million bushels on September 1, 1999, 74 percent more than the 200 million bushels held a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 145 million bushels, are 72 percent more than last year. Off-farm holdings totaled 203 million bushels, 76 percent more than September 1, 1998.

Oat stocks in all positions totaled 148 million bushels, 8 percent below a year ago. Of the total stocks, 97.5 million bushels are stored on farms. Off-farm stocks totaled 51.0 million bushels.